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# Kidnap in 2014, arrest in 2024

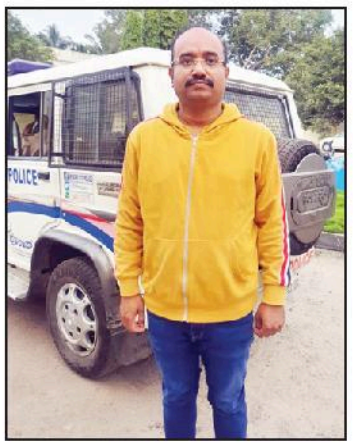
## City doctor's kidnap, extortion case: Fugitive on the run finally arrested after 10 years

Mysuru, Jan. 5- A fugitive, wanted in a kidnap and extortion of a city-based doctor but on the run for the past 10 years, has been finally arrested by Kuvempunagar Police.

Phaniraj Gowda, a resident of Dattagalli is the accused who was apprehended by the Police based on a tip-off. He is a known offender with several inter-district cheating cases pending against him at the Police Stations within Mysuru city and also other districts.

Phaniraj Gowda, along with his accomplice Ramachandra D. Hegde had allegedly kidnapped Dr. M.K. Mahesh from the latter's Panchamantra Road residence, Kuvempunagar on the night of Aug. 8, 2014.

Mahesh was taken to Phaniraj Gowda's house first, where the perpetrators forcibly obtained his signature on a few documents



*Accused Phaniraj Gowda*

and demanded that Rs. 20,000 be deposited to Ramachandra Hegde's bank account.

Dr. Mahesh called his relative Anand over phone and got the money deposited to Ramachandra Hegde's account. However, they demanded Rs. 2 lakh to be brought to a designated spot and after collecting the amount, took Dr. Mahesh to Ankola in Uttara Kannada District.

However, the extortion didn't stop there too, as the duo swindled Rs. 3 lakh from Dr. Mahesh's father K.D. Krishnaiah and his relative Basavarajaiah, before releasing Mahesh on Aug. 11, 2014. They had issued a life threat to Mahesh, if he complained to Police in this regard.

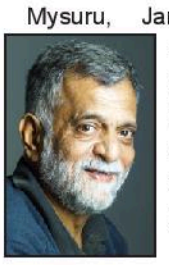
After keeping quiet for some time, Dr. Mahesh had filed a private complaint at a Court and following the Court order on Nov. 19 same year, Kuvempunagar Police had filed a case under various IPC Sections- 426, 468, 469, 471, 120 r/w 34.

Kuvempunagar Police Inspector Arun, who got a wind of accused Phaniraj Gowda visiting his Dattagalli house recently, caught hold of him and produced him before a Court. He has been remanded to judicial custody.

**(See ARREST on page 7)**

## Obituary

**Yathiraj Bhagavan ( Peepi)**



Mysuru, Jan. 5- Yathiraj Bhagavan (Peepi), a resident of Bogadi, passed away early this morning in city. He was 68.

Coincidentally, Yathiraj, who was born on January 5, 1956, passed away on the same day today (Jan. 5).

He leaves behind his wife Dr. Asha Yathiraj, daughter Roshni, son Alok and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held at foot of Chamundi Hill this evening.

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**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Friday 5th January 2024


## Conference on 'Markets as Living Heritage' tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (KS) - The Wadiyar Centre For Architecture (WCFA), in collaboration with INTACH Bengaluru Chapter and Esthetique Architects, supported by NR Foundation, Mysuru, is organising a conference on "Markets as Living Heritage: The Case of Conservation and Revival" tomorrow (Jan. 6) from 9 am to 2 pm at the Multipurpose Hall of Wadiyar Centre For Architecture on Krishnaraja Boulevard in city.

Prior to the conference, the heritage experts and others concerned will visit the Devaraja Market at 8.30 am.

Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar will be the chief guest and inaugurate the Conference at 9.30 am.

Renowned speakers, including Dr. Shikha Jain, Founder Director of DRONAH, Prof. Sanghamitra Basu, IIT Kharagpur (retd.), Dr. S, Raghunath, Structural Engineer at BMS College of Engineering, Bengaluru and Ranjit Patil, Structural Consultant from Pune, will share their valuable insights on the significance of traditional markets and their role in shaping the urban fabric.

**Heritage Walk:** A Heritage Walk has been organised by WCFA Heritage Club, to discover the charm of the old city of Mysuru and unravel its hidden treasures from 3 pm onwards.

For registration, contact Bhuvaneshwary on Mob: 90081-00827, according to a press release.

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

***Life is unique and intriguing only because it holds unexpected turns. While considering on a spiritual plane a human life is given to work out one's past** karma **and also stock up good** nishkama karma **for the future. But man gets so involved in mundane matters and unknowingly keeps building piles of** sakama karma. **When the connection with spirituality becomes weak, a person is prone to be affected strongly by the joys and sorrows that he faces in his journey of life.***

***When flooded with happy circumstances he celebrates like there is no end and when sorrow taps on his door, he becomes miserable and unable to cope with the situation. He feels life has lost its meaning and purpose. Depression is an offshoot of intense emotional suffering.***

***A depressed state of mind could also result from a debilitating incurable disease. But the end is sure for each living entity and suffering is part of the** karmic **journey. When all seems lost, the effort to find something worthwhile to do on a daily basis may help.***

***The Japanese have been practising and promoting** Ikigai **for a long time.** Ikigai **is a strong intention or motivational force that gives each one a purpose to wake up the next day. Don't we feel thrilled to catch a glimpse of sunshine or a rainbow amongst dark clouds?** Ikigai **is specially relevant for a person whose life has come under neutral gear — a chronically ill person, a lone senior citizen, a person who has lost his dear one, a person suffering betrayal and such others. For a writer,** Ikigai **is the eagerness to write a new article daily.***

***For another it could be maintaining plants and the excitement of spotting new leaves and buds, or it could be reading out stories to needy children and lonesome seniors, or as simple as taking a daily walk along with a dear friend. A film on a true story of espionage has a scene where the English suspect held and tortured by the Russian secret service agency, KGB, asks his visiting wife to give him a reason for desiring to come home. In fact, he was asking her for his** Ikigai. **Each one's** Ikigai, **the** raison d'etre, **could be customised to bring calmness to the mind and infuse a daily meaning to life. It is important to find out own** Ikigai.*

*—Sandhya Vasudev in Deccan Herald*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### Temple ceremony in honour of killed bugs

Tokyo: Every year, Japanese pesticide company Earth Corporation holds a 'transcendence ceremony' at the Myodoji Temple in Ako City to honour insects that sacrificed their lives for research purposes.

Earth Corporation prides itself on being the 'No. 1 preferred household insecticide company in Japan,' a status it has achieved over decades of research and trial & error. In order to test the efficacy of its products, the company uses them on various species of insects at a proprietary research facility in Ako City and some of those bugs inevitably die in the process. The company breeds the bugs it uses for testing, but that doesn't make their sacrifice meaningless, and to show that it doesn't take the tiny creatures for granted, Earth Corporation holds an honorary ceremony at the Myodoji Temple in Ako City.

### Swan Car: The craziest vehicle to hit streets

England: The Swan Car is regarded as one of the craziest, most eccentric vehicles ever to hit the streets and one look at it is enough to explain why.

The Swan Car was commissioned in the early 1900s by Robert Nicholl 'Scotty' Matthewson, a wealthy British engineer living in Calcutta. It's never been clear why he was so obsessed with swans. But he loved the birds enough to travel to England in 1909 and placed a very special with JW Brooks and Company of Lowestoft, Suffolk – a swan-shaped car.

The following year, the unique vehicle arrived in Calcutta and immediately became the talk of the town. It was unlike anything anyone had ever seen, or would ever see again for that matter, and came with some intriguing features.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

Asthma is a chronic respiratory condition characterized by inflammation of the airways, causing them to narrow and produce excess mucus, leading to difficulty breathing. Symptoms of asthma include wheezing, shortness of breath, coughing, and chest tightness.

*By Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan R - Consultant - Pulmonology*
*Manipal Hospital, Mysore*

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

## Entries invited for Kittur Rani Chennamma Award

Mysuru, Jan. 5- The Women and Child Development Department has invited entries from women individuals and voluntary organisations working for the cause of women, for presenting Kittur Rani Chennamma Award (2023-24).

Women who have excelled in the fields of Sports, Arts, Literature and Education and who have successfully emerged victorious in adversary conditions or circumstances and eligible voluntary organisations who have dedicated themselves for the cause of women, can send their entries for the award.

The entries, along with all supporting documents, must be submitted to the Women and Child Development Department, Sthree Shakthi Bhavan, Krishnadevaraya (KD) Circle, Vijayanagar Second Stage, Mysuru before Jan. 8.

The selected personalities /organisations will be conferred the award during the International Women's Day celebrations on Mar.8, according to a press release.

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## REALLY...?

- ***More than 2,500 years ago, Egyptians threaded human teeth through wire to create a set of false teeth that they then wore. In Italy, Etruscans also wore dentures made of other sets of human teeth.***
- ***Former President George Washington is one of the most famous people known to have wooden teeth. According to the Mount Vernon Museum, he never had wooden teeth! He actually had dentures made of ivory, gold and lead.***

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Daughter:*** *Dada, I saw grandpa perform magic.*
***Father:*** *What magic?*
***Daughter:*** *He took out all his teeth and then put them back again!!*

## TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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VOICE OF THE READER

# Well-maintained Gram Panchayat Roads

Sir,

A couple of days back I travelled through the interior parts of T. Narasipur and Nanjangud areas traversing mainly through agricultural fields on both sides of the road. I was really surprised to note the well-maintained condition of all these Gram Panchayat (GP) roads.

Though these places are sparsely populated and have least commercial activities, the GPs have maintained all these roads in a good motorable condition utilising available funds.

**On the contrary, our Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is generating good revenue, but have failed to maintain the roads within their jurisdiction in a motorable condition.** Many of the roads in the Extension areas are just not motorable and for years together these roads are not asphalted. MCC authorities concerned should wake up from their deep slumber and work together to make all the roads in and around Mysuru motorable.

—**K. Chandrahas**

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## Skills contest

Mysuru, Jan. 5- The Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Department will be holding 'World Skill Contest-2024' in the coming days. Those who have special skills can register for the contest, in the Department's portal: *https://www.skillindiadigital.gov.in*, before Jan. 7. For details call: Ph: 0821- 2970815.

# Bus pass validity extended to Feb. 29

Mysuru, Jan. 5- The KSRTC has extended the validity of the annual concessional bus passes issued in 2023 to physically challenged to Feb.29, 2024.

However, the bus pass for the year 2024 can be renewed at K.R. Nagar, Periyapatna, Hunsur, H.D. Kote and City Bus Stands from Jan. 17. The physically challenged persons can also renew their bus pass through the Seva Sindhu portal *https://sevasindhuservices.karnataka.gov.in* by remitting Rs.660 and submission of required documents, according to a press release.


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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Talk, Website launch tomorrow

Marking its 24th anniversary, city's Bharati Yogadhama will be holding a special lecture 'Ardhamandalotsava' as part of Ayodhya Sriram Mandir inauguration at 6 pm tomorrow (Jan. 6) at its premises in Vijayagiri, Uttanahalli in the taluk. A website of Vidyanandini Gurukula will also be launched on the occasion. Noted orator Chakravarti Sulibele will deliver a talk on the topic 'The significance of the construction of Sri Rama Mandir in Ayodhya.' Bharati Yogadhama Founder Dr. K.L. Shankarnarayana Jois will preside. For details, contact Mob: 82771-36950/ 99727-56632.

### Objections invited

The Health and Family Welfare Department has invited objections, if any, to the list of candidates selected for vacant posts under the PM-ABHIM (Prime Minister - Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission) and National Urban Health Mission, as per Merit-cum-Roster system. The list has been put up on the notice board of the DHO Office. Objections can be filed at the DHO Office before Jan. 10, according to a press release.

### Scholarship for Ph.D students

The Backward Classes Welfare Department has invited applications from Ph.D students belonging to backward classes category-1, 2(a), 3(a) and 3(b) for availing study scholarship / fellowship. The applicants must be pursuing full time P.hD in a recognised University/Institution in Karnataka. The last date for applying is Jan.10. For details, log on to the website: https://bcwd.karnataka.gov.in or call- 80507-70004, according to a press release.

### e-Shram portal for unorganised workers

The Union Government has set up e-Shram portal for the welfare of unorganised workers. Accordingly, unorganised workers from as many as 369 fields including agricultural labourers, small and marginal farmers, fishermen, tailors, bakery traders, gig workers, motor vehicle mechanics, drivers, newspaper sellers, photographers, vegetable and fruit vendors, construction and other allied workers etc., can register in the portal for availing social security and other benefits of the scheme. The applicants must be in the age group of 16 to 59 years and should not be income tax payers and non-members of EPFO and ESI. For details, call Labour Helpline: 155214, according to a press release.

# Rest in Peace, but how?

## MCC burial ground at the foot of Chamundi Hill replete with sorry state of affairs

**By M.B. Pavan Murthy**

Mysuru, Jan. 5- No water to conduct last rites, two defunct borewells, plastic littered everywhere, liquor packs among types of wastes strewn around and the newly built toilet yet to be opened for use...

This is the sorry state of affairs at Chamundi Betta Burial Ground (Harishchandra Ghat) at the foot of Chamundi Hill, off Mysuru-Nanjangud Road. If one has a curious eye, the lack of basic infrastructural facilities can be seen aplenty to no end, at the last resting place ofthe dead, coming under the jurisdiction of Ward No-54 and MCC Zone-1 Office.

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), the custodian of the burial ground has turned a blind eye towards the place which has been neglected for several years.

The borewells have gone defunct, forcing the grieving relatives to fetch water from elsewhere to conduct the funeral rites of their kith and kin. Three shelters have been built for the benefit of bereaved relatives to rest, but nobody dares to take a risk, with unhygienic premises keeping them away due to lack of cleanliness.

With mortals staying away, the flies and mosquitoes swarm these shelters with the lush growth of parthenium to attract them with their nectar.

The dried leaves falling from the trees add to the litter where plastic rules the roost.

**Putrefying smell reflects pathetic state**

The Under Ground Drainage (UGD) at the main entrance which emanates foul smell gives an inkling of the pathetic state, which aggravates as one moves further to mourn at the comatose state of the Kalyani (pond) which if maintained well may have been a source of water. The water tank is also in shambles with all the seven taps connected to the tank missing.

Most importantly, the burial pits are dug haphazardly, with the teary-eyed relatives forced to look for a final resting place for the dead. The articles brought along with the bodies during the funeral procession are discarded carelessly, which has also added to the waste accumulated at the burial ground.

The name board installed at the main entrance has the name and cell phone number of the watchman. But there is no sight of the watchman, the absence of whom has turned it into a haven for those indulging in vices like drinking liquor and smoking marijuana.

It seems MCC which is used to the ire of citizens who cry hoarse attimes but yet continues to be obdurate, may have naturally been ignorant towards the final resting place of the dead for they lay aground without a voice to raise.

**Dwelling in toilet**

Avinash, a native of Mellalli and a bachelor is doing the job of a grave digger here and has been dwelling in the unused toilet at the burial ground, but has no qualms over the pitiable situation he is living in.

"I joined here in 2006 and returned to my village after working for three to four years, but came back later," said Avinash who goes on to explain.

When asked why was he living in the toilet, Avinash said, "That was what allotted for my stay. The toilet was built 15 to 20 years ago but was not opened for use. The new toilet has been built, but has been kept locked."

## Provide basic amenities, a hygienic atmosphere

It is sad that the burial ground is devoid of basic infrastructural facilities to carry out the obsequies for the dead. I wonder why MCC authorities chose to neglect without taking up regular cleaning and maintenance of the burial ground. I had to feel the heat of neglect during the last rites of my maternal uncle when we had to struggle to find water to perform the rituals. Similar was the state of others who had come to bury their dead. Miscreants have turned it into a haven for their illicit activities and MCC authorities should take note of the complaint at the earliest and set right the wrongs.

**—D. Basavaraju Basappa, Vice-President, Sri Krishnarajendra Cooperative Bank Limited, Agrahara Circle, Mysuru**

# BE student from Kodagu ends life in Bengaluru

*Vishu Uthappa*

Bengaluru, Jan. 5 (BLU&KS)- A 19-year-old student, who was pursuing his engineering course, committed suicide by shooting himself with his father's gun at his house in Bhavani Nagar, Bengaluru on Wednesday.

The deceased has been identified as Vishu Uthappa, a native of Kodagu, who was pursuing his first year BE course at RR College in Hesaraghatta, Bengaluru.

Vishu's father Thammapaiah works as a gunman at NICE Company and when Thammapaiah had gone out of the house, Vishu shot himself on his chest with his father's gun.

Vishu later called his father and told him that he would not commit mistakes in future and wept bitterly. Shocked over this, Thammapaiah rushed to the house only to see his son lying in a pool of blood and rushed him to a hospital, where the doctors said that he had died in a few minutes after shooting himself.

Peenya Police have registered a case.

# Miscreants in the guise of Mumbai Police cheat research girl student

Mysuru, Jan. 5- Miscreants, in the guise of Mumbai Police, have cheated a research student of Rs. 98,887 in city.

The girl student, who was cheated is V. Arpitha, a resident of Siddarthanagar here. The miscreants, who called Arpitha on her phone from Mob: 77139-21767, introduced themselves as Mumbai Police, told her that a parcel in her name has been rejected besides informing her that the parcel contained drugs and expired passports.

They then got Rs. 98,887 transferred from her citing verification and have cheated her.

**Cheating on the pretext of providing loan:** In another case, online fraudsters have cheated a 33-year-old woman of Rs. 96,900 on the pretext of providing loan. The woman, who was cheated is P.B. Bhavya, who is staying at Nimishambha PG accommodation in Saraswathipuram here.

The fraudsters, who called Bhavya from Mob: 90382-24212, introduced themselves as representatives of Reliance Finance Company. Stating that they would be providing loan to her, the fraudsters collected details of her Aadhaar card, PAN card and Bank pass book and later got Rs. 96,900 transferred from her as GST and other fee, thus cheating her. Both cases have been registered at city's CEN Police Station.

# Dasara exhibition: KEA seeks 15-day extension

## 16 lakh visitors in 75 days; Jan. 12 closing date; If Govt. agrees, expo to be extended till Jan. 28

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (GA&BS)- Buoyed by the overwhelming response to the Dasara exhibition, the Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) has submitted a proposal to the Government to extend the annual exhibition for 15 days.

The exhibition which began on Oct. 15, 2023, is scheduled to conclude on Jan. 12, 2024.

Unlike 2022 when the exhibition saw 17 lakh visitors in 98 days, the number of footfalls has increased by 20 percent this time, thus emerging as one of the favourite tourist spots after several other tourist attractions in the region.

The surge in visitors is largely attributed to the 'Shakti' scheme, which provides free travel facilities for women in KSRTC buses. The exhibition alone witnessed 16 lakh tourists in 75 days. As dusk falls, people prefer to shop and spend some time at amusement parks along with their children.

**More crowds expected**

With seven days left for the exhibition to shut shop on Jan. 12, four lakh more people are expected to turn up with the total number of visitors touching 20 lakh. If extended by a fortnight, the number of visitors will be even more, according to KEA officers.

During the nine days of Navarathri (Oct. 15 to 24, 2023), about 70,000 tourists visited the exhibition and during Deepavali, Christmas and New Year's Eve, over 50,000 visitors were recorded.

There are 145 commercial stalls, 60 stalls in the food court, 40 Government stalls, and 46 varieties of amusement. Among Government stalls, those of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department and Mandya Jaggery grabbed eyeballs.

For the benefit of visitors, KEA had this time opened a luggage counter for the ease of those travelling from distant places, who can keep their luggage at the exclusive counter before walking around. Selfie points and innovative amusements were also the other attractions. Besides, 70 CCTV cameras had been installed as a foolproof security measure.

**Hike in tender cost by Rs. 3.44 crore**

Fun World and Resort India Pvt. Ltd., bagged the tender to conduct the exhibition for Rs. 11.52 crore in 2023 against Rs. 8.08 crore bid won in 2022. Though the tender amount this time was hiked by Rs.3.44 crore, the increase in the number of visitors has brought a smile on the face of the successful bidder, who had also requested KEA authorities to extend the exhibition.

### Next besige mela

We have written to the Government and if it consents, the exhibition will be extended up to Jan. 28 or else will wind up as per the schedule on Jan. 12. On the other hand, preparations for 'besige mela' (summer exhibition) are on and the traders have also expressed their willingness to set up the stalls.

**—Rajesh G. Gowda,** Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Karnataka Exhibition Authority

## Extension unlikely as additional Rs. 30 lakh is needed for 15 days

Mysuru, Jan. 5- It is most likely that the Dasara Exhibition will conclude on Jan. 12 as per schedule, as informed by sources to *Star of Mysore* this morning. The extension of the exhibition for additional 15 days is estimated to require an extra Rs. 30 lakh.

Following the Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) seeking an extension, the State Government requested a cost estimate, and the KEA CEO responded indicating the need for Rs. 30 lakh.

Exploring potential solutions, the KEA and the State Government considered approaching Fun World and Resort India Pvt. Ltd., the company that secured the tender to organise the exhibition for Rs. 11.52 crore, to cover the required Rs. 30 lakh for the extension. However, Fun World declined the request, citing financial losses incurred due to the State Government's last-minute decision to scale down the grand Dasara celebrations.

The initial tender amount of Rs. 11.52 crore was based on the anticipation of a lavish Dasara, but with the Government's decision to reduce the festivities, Fun World experienced financial setbacks, leading to its inability to contribute Rs. 30 lakh, sources added.


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The Annual general body meeting and co-related activities including election for the period 2023-25 will be held on **Saturday the 6th Jan. 2024 at 11 AM** in Seminar Hall, NIE Administrative block NIE, Mysore.

Meeting notice have been posted, mailed and even sent by whatsapp to all the members whose details are available in NIEAA data base.

Please treat this as personal invitation and attend the AGM. Those members who have not received the AGM Notice are also requested to attend the AGM.

Audited statement of accounts is available in our office and will be circulated during AGM

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Hon. President

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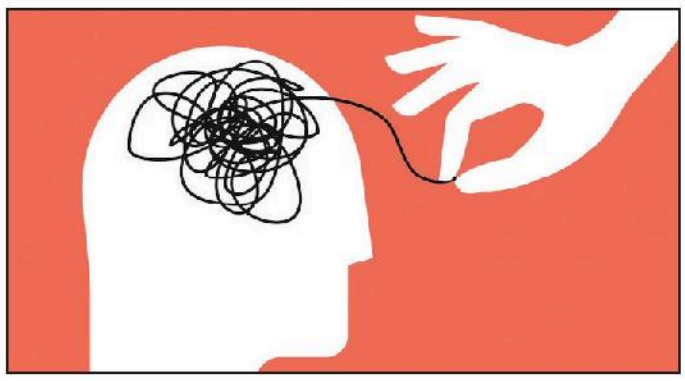
By Sunita Menon
Psychotherapist - Specialised in CBT & Sex Therapy

# Can you... Change me?



The movie *Dear Zindagi* with Shah Rukh Khan as Dr. Jug in it, was a game-changer for therapy and therapists I would like to believe. It created for the viewers an almost idyllic world of therapy. Reality fortunately or unfortunately is somewhere in between. For instance we therapists are unconditional and non-judgemental no doubt but for sure we don't walk on the beach or go cycling with our clients. Why, we even don't acknowledge our clients in public until and unless they make the first move. So dictates our professional ethics bound by privacy and confidentiality clauses.

Therapy is a process. A brain spa for some, a brain dump for others and even a brain reboot for many. We see clients who have mental health issues, addictions, mood disorders, on medication, couples with marital disharmony, families with conflict, and individuals with simply overwhelming events, situations and people in their lives. And since we are not medical doctors, therapists don't hand out prescriptions and diagnosis. For psychometric tests to assess mental health issues we send our clients to clinical psychologists and for a diagnosis and medication (as the case may be) we refer them to a psychiatrist.

Many therapists are eclectic in their approach, while some of us do specialise in a particular approach. I for instance, am a Cognitive Behavioural Therapist (CBT) and also a certified Sex Therapist. Its imperative and definitely not rude for you to check in with your therapist as to what their approach to therapy is. It could range from Behavioural, Cognitive, Humanistic, to Integrative or Psychodynamic in approaches. All of which are distinctly different from each other. CBT, of course, today is the gold standard in approaches. It is based on the belief that if distorted cognition is addressed in therapy, both behaviour and emotions become healthy as a result. The focus in CBT is on negative automatic thinking, what we call Negative Automatic Thoughts (NATs).

Not all our clients come in eagerly. Some for themselves (the perfect scenario), some for others (to cope with a family member who has a physical or mental illness/disorder), and some who have no choice but to (given an ultimatum). A mixed bag really. Each with their own set of challenges. But that's the essence of therapy — a unique experience for the therapist and client, establishing a therapeutic alliance. In a structured and formal setting with boundaries and clearly stated expectations of one and other.

And now for the biggest expectation clients have of therapy. And the therapist. "Can you change me? Make me the best version of myself? Can I become what I once was?" etc. To which my standard reply is … A therapist can give you the toolkit (interventions) to fix issues in your life and even help navigate your reality but if you don't keep using the tools (once we are done with therapy) and develop familiarity and confidence in using them, then perhaps yet again you might stumble. And that's ok too. Remember, back you can come and together your therapist and you can once again open the toolkit and start the drill.

# Mysuru's Prajwal Dev in India Davis Cup team

New Delhi, Jan. 5 (Agencies)- **S.D. Prajwal Dev** has been added to the Indian team as a replacement player for the upcoming Davis Cup tie in Pakistan.

Prajwal was added to the squad for the World Group I Play-off tie on Feb. 3 and 4 to be held in Islamabad, after reserve player Digvijay Singh pulled out of the tournament.

The 27-year-old Prajwal, who led Karnataka in the recent National Games held in Goa, said: *"I am committed to give my best on the court and contributing to a successful campaign for India."*

The Mysurean is currently 609 in the ATP Rankings.

The All India Tennis Association (AITA) is waiting for the clearance from the Indian Government to travel to Pakistan.

# US diplomat visits ORI

## Examines rare manuscripts, digitisation

***US Consul General Christopher W. Hodges seen examining manuscripts at Oriental Research Institute (ORI) in city yesterday as ORI Director Dr. D.P. Madhusudhanacharya and others look on.***

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (BLU&BCT)- US Consul General Christopher W. Hodges, present in the city yesterday to announce the US-funded conservation initiatives at the Folklore Museum in Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion, took the opportunity to visit the Oriental Research Institute (ORI) and acquaint himself with its extensive collection of palm leaf manuscripts and ongoing digitisation endeavours.

Spending over 30 minutes at the ORI, Hodges explored various sections, closely observing the rare manuscripts that span over 700 years and are inscribed in languages such as Sanskrit, Kannada, Tamil and Telugu. The institute also safeguards rare printed and other manuscript types, encompassing literary works and treatises on diverse subjects.

Dr. D.P. Madhusudhanacharya, the Director of ORI, conveyed to Hodges that the manuscripts cover a broad spectrum of subjects including philosophy, religion, literature, linguistics, astrology, medicine and various branches of knowledge.

To enhance the preservation and accessibility of these invaluable manuscripts, the University of Mysore entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bengaluru's Mythic Society in 2022 for digitisation, currently in progress.

Madhusudhanacharya shared that Hodges, displaying keen interest, learned about the ongoing digitisation efforts and the unique conservation methods employed. Hodges, intrigued by economics and ancient Indian texts, also examined the Kautilya's Arthashastra manuscript.

Madhusudhanacharya explained, "We informed the Consul General that Dr. R. Shamashastri, a renowned scholar, discovered and edited the complete palm-leaf manuscript of Arthashastra in Granta script for the first time in 1909. Hodges expressed deep interest in understanding ancient Indian polity and economy."

During his visit, Hodges also viewed an ancient Tamil Lipi treatise on economics preserved at the ORI. ORI Deputy Director Parvathi and Assistant Professor of the Department of Ancient History and Archaeology and Museology Dr. Rohitha Eswer were present during the visit.

Beyond the manuscript collection, Hodges admired the architecture of ORI building, built in 1887 to commemorate the golden jubilee of Queen Victoria's ascension to the British throne. In 2012, the US Consulate General in Chennai sanctioned grants for the conservation of this historic structure.

As a gesture of gratitude, Dr. Madhusudhanacharya presented the Consul General with a copy of the English version of Volume 4 of Sritattvanidhi, authored by the 19th-century ruler Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, who had written nine volumes of Sritattvanidhi.

# Last rites of Maj. Gen. C.K. Karumbaya held

*Maj. Gen. C.K. Karumbaya*

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (MTY&KS)- The last rites of Maj. Gen. C.K. Karumbaya, SM (Retd.), who passed away yesterday at the age of 87 in his farm at K. Hemmanahalli, was held at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage in city this afternoon.

The body was kept at Mukthidama from 10.30 am to 12 noon for the people to pay their last respects during which officials from various Government Departments including the Police, placed wreaths and paid their last respects.

ECHS Officer Commodore M.K. Singh, NCC officials and ex-Servicemen also paid their last respects, following which the cremation took place.

# Kidnap and arrest

(Continued from page 1)

When the Police flipped through his records, it emerged that he was not just wanted in kidnap case, but also in cheating cases booked at several Police Stations in the city like Alanahalli, Krisnnaraja and Saraswathipuram but also in Chamarajanagar Town Police Station, Pandavapura in Mandya, Tumakuru Town Police Station, Chennammanakere Achukattu Police Station and Hanumantha Nagar Police Station in Bengaluru.

Phaniraj Gowda had established Nishka Multipurpose Souharda Cooperative Society in Chamarajanagar and had collected investments from many only to cheat them later. A case in this regard has been registered at Chamarajanagar Town Police Station.

Police said that Phaniraj Gowda's modus operandi involved luring unsuspecting people with promises of higher interest rates in return for their investments and site allotments, amassing substantial sums of money. While he is out on bail in some cases, he has been served arrest warrant by the court in others.

To evade Police, Gowda was changing his hideouts frequently. The Police who had been tracking his movements, finally succeeded in arresting him from his house.

# Power disruption on Jan. 7

Mysuru, Jan. 5- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up 3rd quarterly maintenance works at Hebbal Power Distribution Centre, there will be no power supply on Jan. 7 between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

Hebbal and surrounding areas, Kumbarakoppal, Toll Gate, Vani Vilas Layout, Mahadeshwara Layout, Subashnagar, Surya Bakery, Vijayanagar, Railway Layout, Abhishek Circle, Madegowda Circle, M.G. Koppal, Outer Ring Road, Hampi Circle, Sangam Circle, surrounding areas of Archaeological Survey of India Office, KIADB Industrial Housing Layout, L&T Factory, surrounding areas of Rane Madras and JK Tyres, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, V.V. Mohalla Division.

# BJP State President to visit city tomorrow

*Vijayendra*

Mysuru, Jan. 5- State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra will be visiting Chamarajanagar and Mysuru districts tomorrow (Jan. 6).

Vijayendra will begin his day-long tour by first visiting Chamarajanagar at 11 am, where he will visit the Party Office and residence of Booth-level Presidents of the party.

Thereafter, Vijayendra will arrive in Mysuru and inaugurate the ISKCON's Krishna-Balarama Rath Yatra in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Palace North Gate at 4.30 pm.

He will later take part in the 9th annual meet of Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Bhavaprachara Parishad, Karnataka, at Jayamma Govindegowda Kalyana Mantap on Udayaravi Road in Kuvempunagar at 5 pm.

# Obituary

**Maletira Nanjappa**

Mysuru, Jan. 5- Maletira Nanjappa (Raghupathi), a resident of Gokulam 3rd Stage, passed away this morning at a private hospital in city. He was 90.

Nanjappa was the Founder-Trustee of city's Kodava Deenabandhu Charitable Trust. A native of Kukloor village in Virajpet, he leaves behind his wife Chimmy, two sons, daughters-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam tomorrow afternoon (Jan. 6).

**Jayaram**

Jayaram (53), Co-Secretary of Mysuru-Chamarajanagar Vokkaligara Sangha and a resident of Dasanakoppal in the taluk,

passed away yesterday. He leaves behind his wife, three children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the family's farm land at Dasanakoppal yesterday evening.

**B. Chandrashekar**

**Pandavapura:** B. Chandrashekar (55), Congress leader of Chikkamarali and former Dairy President,

passed away on Wednesday night in the village. He leaves behind his wife, two daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at family's farm land on the outskirts of village yesterday.

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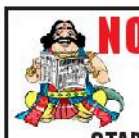

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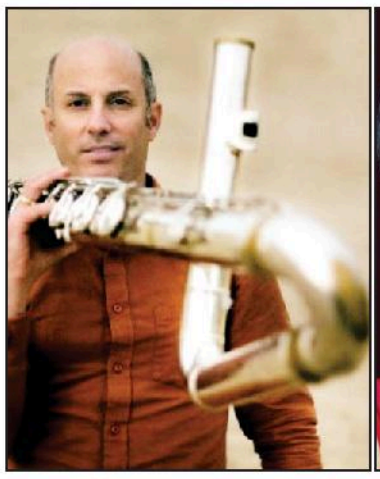
# Musicians from Europe to present Fusion Concert in city on Jan. 6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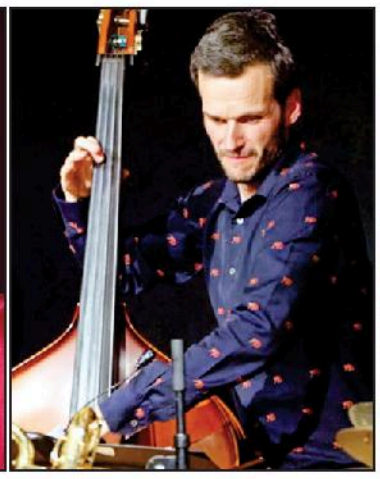
Laurent Peckels

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Mysuru, Jan.5- A special Fusion Concert, as part of a three-day International Workshop, by world renowned musicians from HKU University, Netherlands, is being organised by the University College of Fine Arts (UCFA), University of Mysore (UoM), at its premises on Jan. 6 at 10 am.

The team of brilliant musicians from Europe will be presenting a unique Fusion Concert with acclaimed Violinist Dr. Mysore Manjunath, Head of the Department of Music at Fine Arts College.

UoM Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. N.K. Lokanath will be the chief guest and the event will be presided over by College Principal Prof. Anita Vimla Braggs.

**Performing artistes**

**Prof. Ned Mcgowan (Netherlands): Ned McGowan** is a renowned composer, flautist, researcher and teacher. Known for rhythmical vitality and technical virtuosity, his music has won awards and been performed at Carnegie Hall, the Concertgebouw and other halls and festivals around the world by many orchestras, ensembles and soloists. As a flautist, he plays classical, contemporary and improvisation concerts internationally and his contrabass flute concerts are popular across the globe.

**Dr. Hyekyung Lee (Korea):** A well-known composer/ pianist, Hyekyung Lee's music has been described as "virtuosic fantasy where continuous rhythmic motion smoothly joined contrasting moods and effectively propelled from one section to another, showing a penchant for colourful timbres, expressive lines and lively rhythmic interaction of instruments."

She has written works for diverse genres and media, from toy piano to concertos, and from electronic music to works for children's choir. She has received many prestigious awards — Eastern Music Festival Orchestra, Maestro Gerard Schwarz, Columbus Symphony Youth String Orchestra, to name a few.

**Laurent Peckels (Luxembourg):** Laurent Peckels is a bass player, app developer and music teacher from Luxembourg. He has done his Master in Music, a Master in Law, and a Master's from the esteemed HEC Business School in Paris.

He teaches music at the Maastricht Conservatorium while concurrently studying South-Indian Rhythmical Techniques at the Conservatorium van Amsterdam. His notable projects include 'PercussionTutor' and the upcoming 'FlamencoTutor' app, featuring Grammy Award winner Niño de Los Reyes.

**Lydie Thonnard (Belgium):** Lydie Thonnard, a multifaceted musician, had an affinity towards music from her childhood which led her to the Royal Conservatory of Liège where she studied the transverse flute with Toon Fret. During these years, she devoted herself particularly to chamber music and developed a taste for improvisation. She has participated in various musical projects in Ecuador, Morocco and India.

**Percussion artistes**

**Gilles Carlier (Belgium):** Gilles Carlier began playing clarinet and piano at the age of five. Around 15, he was introduced to Jazz which changed his vision of music forever. A graduate of the Tournai Conservatory, he entered the clarinet class of the Royal Conservatory of Brussels. Currently, he is completing a specialised Master's degree in jazz piano at the Koninklijk Conservatorium van Brussel. He teaches in a Music Academy, plays in various groups and composes for musical bands and for his trio project.

**B.C. Manjunath (India):** B.C. Manjunath is a globally-renowned Indian mridanga player, active in Indian classical music as well as Jazz and world music genres. He is also known as a practitioner and proponent of Konnakol, including via online videos exploring mathematical structures through the practice, including the Fibonacci Tala.

Dr. Mysore Manjunath

B.C. Manjunath

Pramath Kiran

**Pramath Kiran (India):** Pramath Kiran, a well-known percussionist from South of India, hails from a family of art connoisseurs.

He is well-known for his rhythmic expressions through various percussion instruments. His mastery over tabla, morching, drums and creative percussions has mesmerised music lovers everywhere.

**The special concert on Jan. 6 is open to public.** For details, contact Ph: 0821-2419586 or Mob: 87228-56848.

## Vocal Recital and rare Angklung Concert to mark Anniversary of Nadabrahma Sabha tomorrow

Dr. Gopala Rajan

Mysuru, Jan. 5- Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, is celebrating its 68th Anniversary on Jan. 6 and 7.

On Jan. 6 at 6 pm for Smt. Rukmini Ammal & Sri Ramaswamy Iyengar Endowment by Madhuri Thathachari will be a Vocal Concert by 'Nadakishori' Awardee **Vidu. Dhanya Dinesh.** She will be accompanied on violin by **Vid. Pruthvi Bhaskar**, mridanga by **Vid. Nandan Kashyap** and ghata by **Vid. Shamith Gowda.**

On Jan. 7 at 6 pm, the anniversary of the Sabha is celebrated in memory of erstwhile President of the Sabha Dr. A.K. Gopala Rajan who was a well-known physician in Mysuru. His students and fraternity of Doctors are the sponsors.

On this occasion, Sabha recognises a senior artiste who has give his/her mite to music with the title 'Nadabrahma.' This year, it is being given to Octogenarian **Dr. H.S. Anasuya Kulakarni** for her creative contribution of varied instruments to Karnatak Music.

Vidu. Dhanya Dinesh

Dr. H.S. Anasuya Kulakarni

She will also be given a cash prize in the name of Digvijaya Nadavani Nadabrahma Vidhya Varidhi Vidwan Gottuvadyam Narayana Iyengar instituted by Chitraveena N. Ravikiran.

Subsequently, she also performs on a rare Indonesian Bamboo Instrument Angklung. She will be accompanied by **Vidu. Jyotsna Manjunath** on violin, **Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy** on mridanga and **Vid. S. Manjunath** on ghata.

Nadakishorotsava-2023 awards will be presented on the occasion to the following:

Dhanya Dinesh - I place and 'Nadakishori' title, S. Chaitrika - II place, Govinda Madhava - III place, Pruthvi Bhaskar - Best Violinist and Nandan Kashyap - Best Mridangist.

**'Nadakishori' awardee:** Dhanya, who started her vocal training from a very young age under Vid. Neyveli Santhana Gopalan, presently is under Vid. Delhi P. Sunder Rajan. She is a Graded artiste of Akashvani.

A highly talented musician with a melodious voice, she has been giving stage performances for around 5 years in almost all major platforms, both online and live concerts.

She has won many awards to her credit. Academically, she has BE in Biotechnology and is a Research Associate at Biocon Bristol Myers Squibb Research Centre.

# Annual Day: Police Public School Magazine Sugnana-12 released

Mysuru, Jan. 5- Police Public School, Mahadevapura Main Road, Jalapuri, Mysuru, celebrated its 15th Annual Day in a grand manner on Dec. 22 and 23 in three sessions at Karnataka Police Academy Auditorium in city.

The first session was for Pre-KG to Class 2, with Dr. H.A. Shashirekha, RMO, Government Ayurveda College and Hospital, Mysuru, as chief guest.

The annual report was presented by Rajalakshmi, Senior Primary teacher.

The chief guest spoke on the importance of using alternate medicine especially for children and the benefits of following a rich vegetable diet with a disciplined daily routine.

This was followed by a colourful variety entertainment programme by the tiny-tots.

Session 2 was held on Dec. 23 with Akshatha Ganesh Nishanth, Television Artiste, as chief guest. This session covered Classes 3, 4 and 5. In her address, Akshatha stressed the importance of holistic education as opposed to mere bookish education.

The annual report was presented by Deena Uthappa, Vice-Principal of the school. Following the stage programme, students entertained the gathering with cultural events.

Session 3 commenced at 5 pm on the 23rd with Yogacharya Dr. Ganesh Kumar, Taluk Physical Education Officer, Mysuru, as the chief guest. He stressed the importance of Yoga and its benefits.

The annual report for the year 2023-24 was presented by Principal Rennie Joseph Mendonce highlighting the School's achievements in various fields.

School Magazine *Sugnana-12* was released on the occasion followed by a grand cultural show.

# Kautilya Vidyalaya's "Saamskrithika Parva"

Mysuru, Jan. 5 - The 18th Annual Day celebration of Kautilya Vidyalaya, Dattagalli 3rd Stage — "Saamskrithika Parva 2023-24" *(Kiriyara Keerthige Hiriyara Spoorthi)* — was held on Dec. 16 at KSOU Convocation Hall.

The event was inaugurated by prominent personalities of Mysuru and Bengaluru — Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, Chairman of Oxford Institutions, Bengaluru, Dr. SNVL Narasimha Raju, Chairman of RV Dental College Dr. M.S. Prakash and Chairman of NABL Gurgaon, Dr. Subbanna Ayyappan.

DC Dr. Rajendra highlighted discipline, the pivotal role of youths and the importance of focusing on competitive exams. He urged students to avoid mobile addiction and emphasised the vital role parents play in supporting their children's passions and decisions.

Dr. SNVL Narasimha Raju lauded Kautilya Vidyalaya and its students' extraordinary qualities under the leadership of School Chairman T. Babu.

Dr. M.S. Prakash shared insightful perspectives on recognising the potential in a child and the significance of maintaining focus in life.

Kautilya Chairman Babu revealed plans for an integrated syllabus and a space lab, emphasising holistic development during the evening session.

Principal V.R. Sashikala welcomed the gathering.

A number of programmes like Life is full of fun, English drama, Kannada drama, Dashavatara, Shivatandava, Medley of Melodies, Indo-Western dance, Siya-Ram dance drama etc., showcased the students' talents.

The evening concluded with a captivating hip-hop dance by 10th graders.

# GSSS institutions celebrate "Uthishta Bharat"

Mysuru, Jan. 5- GSSS School and College celebrated its Annual Day on the theme *"Uthishta Bharat - Arise O Indian"* at Simha Subbamahalakshmi Prarthana Mandira in Siddarthanagar campus here on Dec. 29.

MLA Tanveer Sait was the chief guest. Addressing the gathering, the MLA stated that the students should not only be imparted excellent education but also be given great values so they can effectively serve their nation.

Dr. M. Jaganath Shenoy, President, GSSS, Mysuru, Vanaja B. Pandit, Hon. Secretary, GSSS, O. Prathap Kumar, B.K. Nataraj, R.K. Bharath, Anupama B. Pandit, staff, students and parents were present.

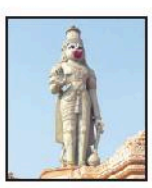
The annual report was presented by the respective Principals. The programme was an amalgamation of various hues befitting the theme and the performance which drew great applause was the "UKG Chandrayaan" which was a visual treat.

## EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 5)

- **Abhivruddhi:** Silk India-2024 expo, Hotel Southern Star, Vinobha Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Neralu-Belaku Art Gallery:** 'Voyage Landscapes,' a landscape exhibition by Chethan Chukki, Coffee City, Water Tank Circle, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Bhavaprachara Parishad, Karnataka:** 9th annual 'Bhava Parishad' Conference, Adichunchanagiri Seer Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji inaugurates Shobha Yatre from Sadvidya School, **3 pm;** Bhajans by Vid. Gururaj and troupe, Ramakrishna Satsang Kendra, Gayathrinagar, Bengaluru, **6 pm;** Inauguration of Conference by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, **6.45 pm;** Aaraatrika and Bhajans by Swami Girijatmanananda of Ramakrishna Mutt, Bengaluru, Swami Muktidananda of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram presides, Jayamma Govindegowda Kalyana Mantapa, Kuvempunagar, **7 pm.**
- **Mysore University Library and Information Science Students Association (MULISSA), University of Mysore (UoM):** Friday Lecture Series - Special Lecture-2, KIKS Director Prof. Vijayakumari S. Karikal delivers lecture on 'Kannada Language, Literature and Culture,' MULISSA President Prof. M. Chandrashekar presides, Dr. S.R. Ranganathan auditorium, Department of Studies (DoS) in Library and Information Science, Manasagangothri, **4 pm.**
- **V.V. Creations:** 'Nava Sambhrama,' a music and dance programme to encourage folk artistes, Various folk forms like Kamsale, Dollu Kunita, Tamate, folk songs and tribal dance will be presented by the artistes, Goutham Trust President Krishnamurthy Talakadu inaugurates, former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa, Builders' Association of India (BAI) Mysore Centre Chairman Nagaraj V. Bairy, Madilu Seva Trust Founder Lokaraj Urs will be present, MBCT auditorium, Vishweshwaranagar, **4 pm.**
- **Karnataka State Co Operative Federation Ltd. Bengaluru, District Co-operative Union Ltd., Mysuru and Co-operation Department:** Special Training for State Co-operative Association Deputy Registrars and Assistant Registrars, debate and valedictory, Hotel Le Ruchi The Prince, Hunsur Road, **4.30 pm.**
- **Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt:** Dhanurmasa Puja, darshan timings, Temple premises, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, Kalidasa Road, V.V. Mohalla, **4.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Gopalaswamy Shishuvihar Institutions:** High School Annual Day, artist Sculptor Arun Yogiraj chief guest, Maharaja Education Trust President Dr. S. Murali presides, Swami Vivekananda Rangamantapa, Institution premises, Lakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Kamatak Classical Veena Concert by **Vid. Ashwin Anand,** accompanied by **Vidu. Ranjani Venkatesh Siddanthi** on mridanga and **Vid. Srinidhi Koundinta** on ghata, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru - Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, Mysuru:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Laya Vidya Pratishtana:** Monthly concert series, vocal concert by **Pratik Bharadwaj** from Boston, USA, accompanied by **Vid. M.D. Arjun** on violin, **Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy** on mridanga and **Vid. Sharath Koushik** on ghata, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.** [Mob: 94484-33988]
- **Natyaalekha Rangasamuha, Mysuru and Rangavalli, Mysuru:** 'Naatyaranga' Theatre Festival of Ninasam Tirugata (wandering theatre troupe) plays, Geetha Gayana by R.C. Dhananjaya; Rangayana senior artiste Krishnakumar Narnakaje inaugurates Theatre Festival, retired VC of Akkamahadevi University (Kalaburagi) Dr. Sabiha Bhoomi Gowda, Kannada and Culture Department (Mysuru) Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and Kannada & Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan chief guests; Felicitation to Krishnakumar Narnakaje and Fayaz, **6.30 pm;** Staging of play 'Huliya Neralu,' written by Jnanpith awardee Chandrashekara Kambara, directed by K.G. Krishnamurthy, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **7 pm.** [Mob: 63618-48788 or 94821-38073]

## EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 6)

- **Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt:** Dhanurmasa Puja, darshan timings, Temple premises, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, Kalidasa Road, V.V. Mohalla, **5.30 am to 10.30 am** and **4.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Ramakrishna Vivekananda Bhavaprachara Parishad, Karnataka:** 3-day 9th annual 'Bhava Parishad' Conference, Usha Keerthane and meditation, Ramakrishna Circle, **6 am;** Youths Conference, Swami Nirbhayananda Saraswati and Chakravarthy Sulibele will deliver lectures, Udupi Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha graces the occasion, **8 am onwards;** Cultural programme, dance-drama 'Sri Ramakrishna Charitam' by students of Shanthala Natyalaya, Belagavi, directed by Vidu. Rekha Ashok Hegde, Jayamma Govindegowda Kalyana Mantapa, Kuvempunagar, **7.15 pm.**
- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Sri Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Swati Puja, Sankalpa, **8 am;** Abhisheka, **9 am;** Alankara, **10.30 am;** Mahamangalarati, **11.30 am;** Shattumorai, **12.30 pm;** Theertha Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, Kalidasa Road, **1 pm.** [Mob: 93421-88323 or 75988-32271]
- **Antar-Mana:** Mass recital of 'Lalitha Sahasranama,' Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji inaugurates, MLA T.S. Srivatsa presides, writer Dr. Vimala Gopal and others will participate, Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **9 am to 1.30 pm.** [Mob: 86185-73286]
- **Neralu-Belaku Art Gallery:** 'Voyage Landscapes,' a landscape exhibition by Chethan Chukki, Coffee City, Water Tank Circle, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **9.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **The Wadiyar Centre For Architecture (WCFA), INTACH Bengaluru Chapter & Esthetique Architects and NR Foundation, Mysuru:** Conference on "Markets as Living Heritage: The Case of Conservation and Revival," Visit to Devaraja Market, **8.30 am;** Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar inaugurates, Renowned speakers, include Dr. Shikha Jain, Founder Director of DRONAH, Prof. Sanghamitra Basu, IIT Kharagpur (retd.), Dr. S. Raghunath, Structural Engineer at BMS College of Engineering, Bengaluru and Ranjit Patil, Structural Consultant from Pune, Multipurpose Hall, Wadiyar Centre for Architecture, Krishnaraja Boulevard, **9 am to 2 pm.**
- **The University College of Fine Arts (UCFA), University of Mysore (UoM):** Special Fusion Concert by Prof. Ned Mcgowan (Netherlands) - Contra Bass Flute, Dr. Hyekyung Lee (Korea) - Piano, Laurent Peckels (Luxembourg) - Bass, Lydie Thonnard (Belgium) - Flute and Piccolo, Gilles Carlier (Belgium) - Piano, B.C. Manjunath (India) - Mridanga and Pramath Kiran (India) - Creative Percussions with acclaimed Violinist Dr. Mysore Manjunath, Head of the Department of Music at Fine Arts College; UoM VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath chief guest, Principal Prof. Anita Vimla Braggs presides, UCFA premises, **10 am.**
- **KNC Innovative Global School, Hebbal (KNCIGS):** 10th Annual Day celebrations (of Montessori-1, 2, 3 and Grade-1 & 2), BEO M. Vivekananda & former KNCIGS Principal Ingrid Pereira chief guests, KNCIGS & PU College Chairman Dr. K.N. Chandrashekar presides, **10 am;** 10th Annual Day celebrations (of Grade-3 to 10), University of Mysore VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath chief guest, KNCIGS & PU College Chairman Dr. K.N. Chandrashekar presides, Convocation Bhavana, Muktagangothri, **3.30 pm.**
- **Abhivruddhi:** Silk India-2024 expo, Hotel Southern Star, Vinobha Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Vidyavardhaka First Grade College, PG Centre, Vidyavardhaka Research Centre and IQAC:** One-day State-level Workshop 'Entrepreneurship Development: Awareness, Motivation and Skill Analysis,' District Industries Centre (DIC) Mysuru Joint Director M. Manjunathaswamy inaugurates, former Syndicate Bank Officer & Sill Trainer Krishnamurthy resource person, Vidyavardhaka Sangha Hon. President Gundappa Gowda presides, Hon. Secretary E.P. Vishwanath and Hon. Treasurer Srishailaramannavar chief guests, College premises, **11 am.**
- **Badaganadu Balaga, Mysuru:** Sankranti Food Mela and Fun Fare — expo of millets, clothes, jewellery, painting etc., free health check-up camp, Badaganadu Bhavana, Vasu Layout, Ramakrishna Nagar, **2 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Nagarika Vedike - Poorna Pragna Vidya Kendra:** School Annual Day, KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa inaugurates, Vedike Working President K.R. Srirangaiah presides, actors Sathvik and Santhosh Billava and Central Tax Superintendent G.N. Shashidhar chief guests, Vedike Hon. President B.P. Puttaswamy will be present, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Karnatak Classical Vocal by Vidu. Dhanya Dinesh in memory of Late Smt. Rukmini Ammal and Sri Ramaswamy Iyengar by Smt. Madhuri Thathachari, accompanied by Vidu. Pruthvi Bhaskar on violin, Vid. Nandan Kashyap on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, Manasagangothri:** 74th Constitution Day - Special Lecture Series, Dr. M.G. Bharat Raj, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Government Women's College, Mandya, delivers lecture on 'Indian Constitution and Backward Classes,' Jagadish G. Kori, Warden, Backward Classes Welfare Department Post-Matric Boys Hostel, Kuvempunagar, presides, Backward Classes Welfare Department Post-Matric Boys Hostel premises, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru - Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, Mysuru:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]



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# Mysuru's rural roads turn into threshing yards

## Agri produce on roads to separate crops from sheaves causes accidents

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (SPN&BS)- Every year during December and January, rural roads turn into threshing yards/grounds, with farmers blatantly spreading their agricultural produce, continuing to pose a threat to smooth traffic, which sometimes end up in accidents.

Some of the vehicle owners blame it on the nonchalant attitude of the District Police who wake up only after a tragedy, leaving aside the precautionary measures to be taken to check the recurrence of such unabated practices on public roads by farmers. There is no sign of responsible behaviour at Gram Panchayat (GP) level too by creating awareness among farmers about the violation of traffic rules.

Threshing is the process of loosening the edible part of grain (or other crop) from the husks and straw to which it is attached. It is the step in grain preparation after reaping and before winnowing, which separates the grain from the chaff. Threshing does not, however, remove the bran from the grain.

### Common fire incidents

Normally, the months of December and January are considered the season of harvest followed by threshing to remove the dust in rural areas. Owing to the lack of agricultural labourers, farmers prefer to spread harvest on the roads in the morning for the vehicles to pass over to complete the process of threshing without any laborious tasks.

Very often, straw gets entangled with the wheels of the vehicles, sometimes causing them to slip off the road. Motorcyclists face this danger most of the time. There are instances where the straws have caught fire due to the friction between the vehicle tyre and the asphalted road.

The instances of vehicle riders falling off after losing control of the vehicles and skidding upon moving on slippery grains are often being reported. Though complaints have been lodged at Police Stations in this regard, nothing has fructified, regretted Anand, a vehicle rider while speaking to *Star of Mysore*.

### Initiate action and create awareness

"It is wrong on the part of farmers to take to threshing on roads inconveniencing the vehicle riders. Police should create awareness against such practices through Gram Panchayats and initiate action as per law later."

**— Attahalli Devaraj, Farmer leader**

"The number of farmers taking to threshing activities on the roads in rural areas is on the rise, subsequently leading to an increase in several accidents involving vehicles. We will create awareness among farmers first."

**— Dr. B.N. Nandini, Additional SP, Mysuru**

" Yes, it is wrong that the farmers do threshing on the roads, but they have no other alternative facilities with the Government not coming to their aid. It is better to create awareness among farmers before proceeding towards taking action against them in compliance with the law."

**— Kurbur Shanthakumar, President, State Sugarcane Growers Association**

### Mainly on the outskirts

It is common to witness farmers involved in such threshing activities in the outskirts of Mysuru, H.D. Kote, Nanjangud, Periyapatna, T. Narasipur, Bannur and Hullahalli roads Devalapura Road, Suttur Road, Srirangapatna and Naganahalli Road, M.C. Hundi, Meghalapura Road, Hadinaru village, Mellahalli, Varakodu, Thanthigulli, Badagalahundi and surrounding areas. Even highways passing by some of the villages are not spared, but the Police are hesitant to rein in such unruly farmers, said motorists.

Earlier, the State Government through Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMC) was constructing 'Kanas' (threshing grounds) where the farmers were winnowing the grains.

However, owing to substandard works, the threshing grounds gradually turned unfit for use, forcing the farmers to turn to roads with no option left to thresh the yield.

# MOVIE LOVERS

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  *Kaatera (K)* - 4 Shows
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  *Tiger 3 (H)* - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
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  *Online Madhuve Offline Shobana (K)* - 3 Shows (10.30, 1.30, 4.30 pm)
  *Onty Bunty Love Story (K)* - 1 Show (7.30 pm)

### DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

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| *Prema Katha (Te)* | (S-1) | 10.20 am |
| *Mathimaran (Ta)* | (S-1) | 1.05 pm |
| *Salaar Cease Fire - Part 1 (Te)* | (S-1) | 3.40 pm |
| *Kaatera (K)* | (S-1) | 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm |
| | (S-2) | 3.50 pm, 10.00 pm |
| | (S-4) | 9.50 am, 1.15 pm |
| | | 4.45 pm, 8.30 pm |
| *Animal (H)* | (S-2) | 12.05 pm |
| *Prema Katha (Te)* | (S-2) | 7.15 pm |
| *Onty Banty Love Story (K)* | (S-3) | 10.20 am |
| *Dunki (H)* | (S-3) | 1.20 pm, 7.10 pm |
| *Aquaman & The Lost Kingdom (E-3D)* | (S-3) | 4.30 pm |
| *Aattam (Ma)* | (S-3) | 10.15 pm |

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| *Kaatera (K)* | : | 10 am, 12 noon |
| | | 1.40 pm, 4.00 pm |
| | | 5.20 pm, 7.45 pm, 9.30 pm |
| *Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (Te)* | : | 10.30 am, 9.45 pm |
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| | | 6.55 pm, 9.45 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Migration (E-3D)* | : | 11.15 am, 4.55 pm, 9.45 pm |
| *Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (Te)* | : | 11.15 am, 6.10 pm |
| *Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (K)* | : | 2.45 pm |
| *Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (H)* | : | 9.30 pm |
| *Dunki (H)* | : | 2.50 pm, 9.45 pm |
| *Neru (Ma)* | : | 6.20 pm |
| *Renaissance: A Film By Beyonce (E)* | : | 6.50 pm |
| *Aquaman & The Lost Kingdom (E)* | : | 7.00 pm |
| *Aattam (Ma)* | : | 10.20 pm |

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| *Kaatera (K)* | : | 10.15 am, 11.15 am, 1.50 pm |
| | | 2.35 pm, 2.50 pm, 5.25 pm |
| | | 6.25 pm, 9.00 pm, 10.00 pm |
| *Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (K)* | : | 11 am, 3.05 pm |
| *Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (Te)* | : | 11.30 am, 6.40 pm |
| *Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (H)* | : | 10.15 pm |
| *Dunki (H)* | : | 6.10 pm, 9.30 pm |

# Airstrip construction at Kushalnagar in Kodagu

## Revenue Minister assures speedy land transfer

***Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda** (extreme right) **holding a meeting at Vikasa Soudha in Bengaluru, yesterday with Kodagu District In-charge Minister N.S. Boseraju, Virajpet MLA A.S. Ponnanna, Navalgund MLA N.H. Konaraddi and Madikeri MLA Dr. Manthar Gowda.***

Bengaluru, Jan. 5 (KMS& BCT)- In a significant development, Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda has committed to expeditiously transferring the necessary land for the construction of an airstrip in Kodagu District to the District Administration.

This assurance followed a meeting held yesterday at Vikasa Soudha in Bengaluru, presided over by Krishna Byre Gowda and attended by Kodagu District In-charge Minister N.S. Boseraju.

The Kodagu District Administration conducted a comprehensive land survey for the proposed airstrip near Kushalnagar. Initially, a 49.5-acre plot near Sainik School, Kushalnagar (Koodige) at Doddathoor village, bordering Basavanathoor village, was identified in the first survey.

However, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) deemed it insufficient, prompting a re-survey. The second survey identified over 130 acres of land at Dodda Aluvara village near Koodige, within the jurisdiction of the Revenue Department, addressing the need for additional space.

Minister Boseraju, addressing reporters post-meeting, noted that issues related to the Revenue Department were brought to his attention during the Karnataka Development Programme (KDP) meeting in Kodagu a few days ago. He stated, "The meeting with the Revenue Minister aimed to find solutions to these problems."

Expressing satisfaction, Minister Boseraju affirmed, "The Revenue Minister's positive response to the land transfer for the airstrip instils confidence in the timely resolution of the highlighted issues."

The meeting also delved into acquiring necessary grants and permissions for constructing a mini Vidhana Soudha and an administration building in newly established taluks. Virajpet MLA A.S. Ponnanna and Madikeri MLA Dr. Manthar Gowda, along with various officers, attended the meeting.

## Nominated to NIPM National Council

*Dr. Siddegowda*

Mysuru, Jan. 5- Colonel Professor Dr. Y.S. Siddegowda, immediate Past President of National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM), Mysuru Chapter, has been nominated as a Special Invitee in the National Council of NIPM, for the term 2023-2025 by Dr. M.H. Raja, National President, according to a press release from C.V. Srinivasan,, Chairman, NIPM, Mysuru.

Former Vice-Chancellor of Tumkur University, Dr. Siddegowda is also the Vice-Chairman of Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC).

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| *Kaatera (K)* | (S-1) | 11.30 am, 3.10 pm |
| | | 6.50 pm, 10.30 pm |
| | (S-2) | 10.30 am, 2.10 pm |
| | | 5.50 pm, 9.30 pm |
| *Salar - Cease Fire (Part 1) (H)* | (S-3) | 2.35 pm; (S-4) 10.00 pm |
| *Salar - Cease Fire (Part 1) (K)* | (S-3) | 11 am, 6.10 pm, 9.45 pm |
| *Migration (E-3D)* | (S-4) | 10.30 am, 7.55 pm |
| *Dunki (H)* | (S-4) | 12.35 pm, 4.35 pm |
| *Trailer Screening Show* | (S-4) | 3.55 pm |

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| *Kaatera (K)* | : | 10 am, 11 am, 1.40 pm |
| | | 2.40 pm, 3.05 pm, 5.20 pm |
| | | 6.20 pm, 9.00 pm, 10.00 pm |
| *Trailers Screening Show* | : | 10.50 am |
| *Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (Te)* | : | 11.30 am |
| *Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (K)* | : | 6.45 pm |
| *Onty Bunty Love Story (K)* | : | 12.40 pm |
| *Adarsha Raitha (K)* | : | 3.55 pm |
| *Online Madhuve Offline Shobana (K)* | : | 6.35 pm |
| *Neru (Ma)* | : | 9.30 pm |
| *Dunki (H)* | : | 10.20 pm |

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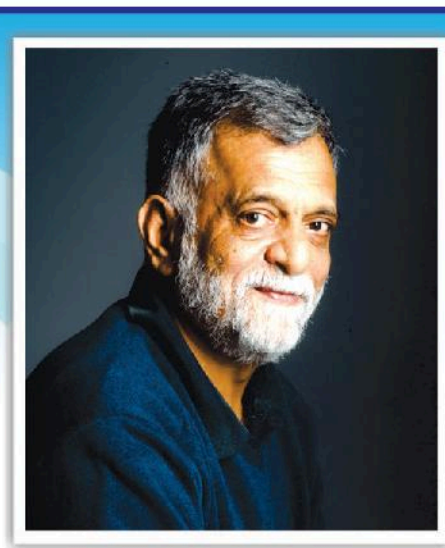

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